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Tiverton Fire Department

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION:

To protect life and property by combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires and providing emergency medical assistance.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Firefighter is a journey-level classification. Incumbents are expected to perform the full range of duties of a Firefighter. The classification is distinguished from Fire Recruit in that the latter is a training classification used during the Fire Training Academy.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:

General supervision is provided by superior officers.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Depending upon assignment, duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Respond to fire with a fire company, enter burning buildings with hose lines, operate nozzles, and extinguish the fire as directed.
- Operate hand fire extinguishers, fog nozzles, and similar equipment in extinguishing fires; raise, lower, and climb ladders; and ventilate burning buildings to carry off smoke and gases.
- Rescue persons from danger and administer medical aid as necessary.
- Perform salvage operations such as throwing covers, evacuating water, removing debris, and performing general cleanup at the fire scene.
- Perform routine housekeeping duties at a fire station, such as mowing grass, making beds, cleaning walls, washing windows, and sweeping floors.
- Perform limited repair and maintenance work on fire equipment and apparatus.
- Attend in-service training sessions to learn firefighting strategies and tactics, equipment operation, medical aid, and street and hydrant locations.
- Perform business inspections.
- Make presentations on fire safety and burn prevention to schools, service clubs, or other public gatherings.
- Promote fire safety and burn prevention among public contacts.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Basic arithmetic functions.
- The Town of Tiverton street system and physical layout of Tiverton.

Ability to:

- Understand and learn firefighting information from oral and written sources.
- Read and write the English language at a level necessary for efficient performance.
- Understand and apply mechanical diagrams and concepts.
- Understand and follow oral instructions.
- Work long hours under stressful conditions.
- Apply a wide variety of firefighting duties, methods and procedures including the operation of firefighting apparatus, equipment, and tools.
- Perform physical and strenuous firefighting work requiring physical strength, coordination, endurance, and flexibility.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.

Education: Successful completion of the Tiverton Fire Training Academy , High school diploma or G.E.D equivalent.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:

Age: Must be at least 18 years of age by the date indicated on the job announcement.

Licensure Qualifications: Must possess a valid State of Rhode Island EMT- Cardiac or Paramedic License

Driver License: Possession of a valid Rhode Island Driver License at the time of appointment. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a physical disability will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Respiratory Protective Equipment: Work in this classification requires wearing respiratory protective equipment at times. When assigned to such work, facial hair must be shaven when it interferes with the safe fitting of respiratory protective equipment.

Probationary Period: Employees must complete twelve (12) months of probation at a satisfactory performance level prior to gaining permanent status.